

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-11

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FM AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1668

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMCONSUL AUCKLAND

AMCONSUL SYDNEY

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, AS

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IMPORTATION OF ANTI- HIJACKING EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 116131

1. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN AIRLINES MANAGER FOR AUSTRALIA  
MAGNETOMETERS ARRIVED SYDNEY MAY 7 BUT AMERICAN AIRLINES  
HONOLULU INSTRUCTED SYDNEY OFFICE NOT TO CLEAR UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE. HOWEVER, LOCAL MANAGER AWARE THAT THE TWO PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT, ONE FOR SYDNEY AND ONE FOR MELBOURNE, WOULD EITHER  
BE SUBJECT TO DUTY OR A BOND COUPLED WITH TEMPORARY ADMITTANCE.  
MELBOURNE MANAGER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES UNAWARE OF ESSENTIAL  
DETAILS.

2. DCA CONTACTED JUNE 15 AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR  
SECURITY PROMISED TO MAKE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION. HE FELT AN  
EXPEDITIOUS SOLUTION COULD BE ARRIVED AT AND SO INFORMED CONGEN  
ON JUNE 18 THAT MR. CUSTANCE OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT  
IN CANBERRA RULED THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE ALLOWED IN UNDER  
SECTION 162 OF CUSTOMS ACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR TEMPORARY  
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IMPORT PERMIT OF 12 MONTHS AND WHICH CAN BE RENEWED ANNUALLY UP TO A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ASKED THAT EQUIPMENT BE PICKED UP FORM SYDNEY CUSTOMS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. LOCAL MANAGER OF AMERICAN AIRLINES ADVISED JUNE 18 TO PICK UP EQUIPMENT AND THOUGH PLEASED TO HEAR OF DECISION STATED COULD NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO CLEAR UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY AMERICAN AIRLINES HONOLULU.  
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